

Amendments to the Claims

This listing of claims will serve to replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

Listing of Claims:

1-14. (cancelled)

15. (currently amended) The method of claim 41, further comprising forming each of said depressions as ~~with a hemispherical~~ in shape.

16. (previously presented) A method of forming a plurality of perforations in a concavely curved domed portion of a vent disc, which comprises:

forming a plurality of upwardly extending depressions in an undersurface of said domed portion while leaving a residual of said domed portion above said plurality of depressions, said plurality of depressions each having a centerline, each of said centerlines of said plurality of depressions being coincident with a radius that forms a concave curvature of said domed portion; and

forming a plurality of perforations through said residual, said plurality of perforations being resealable and each having a centerline, each of said centerlines of said plurality of perforations being formed coincident to a corresponding centerline of one of said plurality of depressions, wherein said perforations are slits that have a width of about 0.040 to about 0.080 inches, and wherein said domed portion is elastomeric.

17 - 24. (cancelled)

25. (previously presented) The method of claim 16, wherein said slits have a width of about 0.058 to about 0.062 inch.

26. (previously presented) The method of claim 25, wherein said slits have a width about 0.060 inch.

27. (withdrawn-previously presented) The method of claim 16, wherein said step of forming said slits is effected by piercing said domed portion of said vent disc with blades that have an elongated cutting edge formed by angular surfaces.

28. (withdrawn) The method of claim 27, wherein said angular surfaces are disposed at an angle of about 40 degrees.

29. (withdrawn-previously presented) The method of claim 27, wherein said step of forming said slits is effected by driving said blades completely through said residual of said domed portion of said vent disc.

30 – 40. (cancelled)

41. (currently amended) The method of claim ~~16~~ 14, wherein said forming of said plurality of slits in said vent disc is effected, so that, when said vent disc is seen in top ~~plan~~-view, said plurality of slits are arranged in a pattern, said sunburst pattern having a central area from which radiates outwardly a series of 12 radial extensions equally circumferentially angularly spaced 30 degrees from each other, and each of said radial extensions having three or four of said equally radially spaced individual slits and each of said equally radially spaced plurality of individual slits having an underlying one of said plurality of depressions.